



On Campus

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'Math Connection' gains recognition, adds features during second season

The Math Connection has added features and gained recognition as it moves toward the completion of its second season. The weekly mathematics program, aimed at students in grades four through seven, is produced by Greenfield Community College and televised through Greenfield Community Television. Funding for the project comes from The Dwight D. Eisenhower Grant, Title II, through the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education.

The Board of Regents has selected *The Math Connection* as one of two exemplary projects in the state receiving Eisenhower funds, and will pass this recognition on to Washington. The program has also added an assistant director, **Joe Lada** (see "People") and two new regular features: "Stepping Out," highlighting how math is used in area businesses and special math projects from students' classrooms; and "Johnny No Math," a character played by local comedian **Leo T. Baldwin**, who demonstrates what can happen in the world if you don't know math (he causes an overflow of suds at the laundromat, for example, because he can't measure the soap properly).

The goal of the project, says Director **Karen Green**, is to stimulate students' interest and increase their exposure to mathematics by involving them and their teachers in the production of the program. A *Math Connection* Planning Council consists of teachers from Greenfield and surrounding communities, and Greenfield Community College mathematics faculty. This group plans and implements the program.

The show regularly features an interview with a guest from the community who uses math in his/her profession or hobby; "Ask the Student," where students demonstrate how they solve open-ended problems; "Challenge Corner," where groups of kids demonstrate problem-solving projects they have completed in their regular mathematics classrooms; and "Zingers," interesting math facts

presented with computer graphics.

Periodically during the year *The Math Connection* conducts workshops on specific themes at Greenfield Community College for area school children.

Dorothea Szabo, owner of "World on a String" in Northampton, appeared on a program this fall, for example, and held a workshop on "Math and Kite-making" with 25 students the following Saturday.

A total of 32 teachers and 160 students from community schools will appear on *The Math Connection* during its 1990-91 season of 16 programs. *The Math Connection* airs live on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Cable Channel 6, through April 15.

Videotapes are available to public access cable companies and schools for rebroadcast and classroom use.

People

Laurie Breitner is teaching a data processing course this semester and is preparing information for the Office of Information Systems for a new student information data base. She has a bachelor's degree, a master of business administration degree and a master of

education degree from the University of Massachusetts. She previously worked as an electronic data processor and auditor for Coopers & Lybrand in Springfield, and managed teams of technical staff providing computer support for

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New grant funds drug and alcohol abuse prevention training program

Greenfield Community College and Beacon Programs of Franklin Medical Center have been awarded a grant from the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges/Metropolitan Life Foundation to provide training to Greenfield area practicing professionals in the intervention and treatment of drug abuse and alcohol abuse.

Project ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Training) is a two-semester, intensive curriculum designed to further educate area professionals in the recognition of substance abuse issues and problems and in appropriate intervention and referral processes and procedures.

Eligible participants include those employed as social workers, educators, counselors, clergy, probation and other criminal justice personnel.

The program will run from September 1991 through May 1992 with an occasional weekend commitment. Participants who successfully complete the course will be awarded a certificate of completion.

All training and materials are free to

participants. Anyone interested in participating should complete and return the tear-off section below.

I am interested in the GCC/Beacon Programs training program.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER _____

Return this section by April 1, 1991, to:

Mirrless R. Underwood, Ph.D.
Project ADAPT
Greenfield Community College
1 College Drive
Greenfield, MA 01301

☐ I would not be available for class during daytime hours.

☐ I would not be available for class during evening hours.

'Math Connection' awarded new grant

The Math Connection has just received an additional \$6,154 from the Eisenhower Grant. This enhancement grant will be used to fund a problem-solving manual for teachers to be written by GCC math faculty Linda Cavanaugh and Peter Rosnick and teachers from the community.

A videotape of several Math Connection segments will supplement the manual.

Calendar

Saturday, March 2

Workshop: "Pioneer Valley History, Sources and Preservations," at the Memorial Libraries in Deerfield from 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Institute. Fee \$10; limit 25. Register with Division of Continuing Education or the Memorial Libraries, 774-5581.

Thursday, March 7

"Changing Communities: Toward the Year 2000," Session I: Historical overview of immigration to the United States. In the Theatre S01 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

"Changing Communities: Toward the Year 2000," Session II: Current trends and experiences in immigration. In the Theatre S01 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Deadline for April issue of *On Campus*. Send items to Russell Powell in the public relations office.

Thursday, March 21

"Changing Communities: Toward the Year 2000," Session III: Working with a changing population. In the Theatre S01 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Monarch Co. in Springfield. She has held a variety of direct service and management positions in education and human services. Laurie is married with three children, and lives in Westhampton. Her extension is 338.

Dean of Administrative Services **Charles Carter** has been named chairman of the board of the Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield. He will serve a two-year term. He has been a member of the board since 1985, and was its vice-chairman. Charley is also on the boards of Bay State Administrative Services, an operating arm of Bay State Health Systems, and Bay Bank First in Easthampton.

Karen Cole began working at GCC in December as a book buyer in the bookstore. She lives in Gill, and previously worked as financial manager of Northgate Advertising in Greenfield. She is a soprano with the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus, and her son Andy attends GCC. Karen can be reached at extension 255.

Nola Foley is a part-time instructor of early childhood education. She has previously taught at GCC in the Division of Continuing Education. She has an associate's degree from Springfield Technical Community College, and bachelor's

and master's degrees from American International College. She has worked in the early childhood field for more than 20 years, and started the Mount Holyoke College Day Care Center in 1981. She also worked for a number of years at the Springfield Day Nursery. She lives in West Springfield, and is a member of the city's finance and fair housing committees.

For those of you who may have missed it, the permanent extension of **Hannia Gonzalez**, coordinator of the math assistance program, is 362.

Louis Hale of Greenfield began working at GCC as a custodian on January 7. He previously worked in the construction industry. He can be contacted through the switchboard; his hours are 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sharon Harper of Florence is a part-time instructor of art. She is teaching Color Design and Drawing II. She has an master of fine arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, and has taught there, and at Westfield State College and the University of Rhode Island. Her artwork will be on exhibit in shows in Pittsfield in April and in Boston in the fall. Sharon's extension is 311.

Joe Lada of Colrain is the

new assistant director of *The Math Connection*. Joe is a graduate of GCC and Hampshire College. The former host of WRSI-FM's Friday night "oldies" show, Joe performs around New England as host of the comedy and music group, The Bobby Darling Show. He can be reached at extension 263.

John Murphy has been promoted to the position of storekeeper, replacing **Pete Carignan**, who retired on February 1 after 18 years at GCC. John is a graduate of GCC and has worked here for the past ten years in a number of capacities, including alumni coordinator, assistant to the dean of students, switchboard operator, and offset duplicating machine operator.

In addition to managing the stockroom, John will continue his work for the mailroom and duplication services, both of which will be moved to the stockroom area by March 1. John lives in Turners Falls and is commander of that town's VFW Post. He can be reached at extensions 212, 217, or 291, or by calling the switchboard.

Kim Patterson of Greenfield is a switchboard operator from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. She formerly worked at Farren Hospital and drove a school bus for Sullivan Bus Lines. She attended Southeastern College

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Spring Wellness Programs underway

A number of activities are underway this spring as part of the Employee Wellness Program. Participants must have medical clearance to take part in Wellness Programs (except for body recall). A letter to Nancy Buchanan from your primary health care provider is necessary stating that your level of fitness would allow unrestricted activity or listing any restrictions that would apply to these programs.

As of March 1, faculty and staff will not be able to participate in these activities until the medical clearance is on file with Nancy Buchanan.

The Comprehensive Package includes all activities for the semester and all costs except for the Life Fitness Machines. The package does include a \$5 discount for the machines.

For racquetball, the gym is reserved for faculty and staff during the hours of 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday. There will be a faculty and staff tournament later in the semester.

For details, call Jeanne Ashley at ext. 348.

SPRING SCHEDULE			
Program	Time	Day/ Location	Cost (if any)
LIFEFITNESS MACHINES	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Daily (N107)	\$15 per semester*
AEROBICS	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Tues. and Thurs. (N109)	\$30
VOLLEYBALL	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Monday (N109)	
RACQUETBALL	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Daily (N109)	
BODY RECALL	11 a.m. to 12 noon	Monday, Wednesday, Friday (N109)	
PLAN A THE COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE	By arrangement	Ongoing	\$30; \$40 w/ machines
* \$10 w/Plan A			

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in Florida.

Karen Phillips is the new bookkeeper for the Division of Continuing Education. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, and previously worked at the accounting firm of Cycz and Pascucci in Northampton. Karen lives in South Deerfield, and continues to work part-time at Turnbull's Restaurant in Greenfield. Her extension is 249.

George "Skip" Price is a part-time instructor of geology this term. He is an earth sci-

ence instructor at Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield, and has taught before at GCC in the Division of Continuing Education. He is also owner of the store Baseball Treasures in Greenfield. Skip has a bachelor's degree from Northeastern University and a master's from American International College. He has received numerous grants for his research, among them an award from the National Science Foundation to study Mount St. Helens in Washington.

Tony Tucker is the new custodian for the Greenfield Child Care Center. His hours

are from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., and he works days as head of the maintenance department at the Buckley Nursing Home in Greenfield. Tony lives in Greenfield.

Karen Wickline of Montague is the new half-time secretary for the business cluster. She generally works mornings and can be reached at extension 333. Karen worked for five years as a fiscal administrator for the grants and contracts office at the University of Massachusetts before coming to GCC, where she is also enrolled as a student. Karen has a six-month old daughter.